



The development would prioritise the protection and enhancement of local biodiversity, ensuring that existing natural features are retained and improved. Key ecological assets, including mature hedgerows, tree belts, and identified badger setts, would be safeguarded. Green corridors and open spaces would be designed to support wildlife movement and enhance the area's natural character.

A sustainable drainage system (SuDS) would be implemented to manage surface water runoff, reducing flood risk and supporting local water quality. This would include swales, attenuation basins, and permeable surfaces, helping to control water flow while also creating attractive landscape features.

The landscape strategy would focus on creating an attractive, green living environment that enhances the site's existing features. Existing hedgerows and trees will be retained and reinforced with additional planting, providing natural screening, improving biodiversity, and enhancing the overall sense of place.

Public open spaces will be carefully designed to offer a variety of recreational opportunities, including formal play areas, seating spaces, and pedestrian-friendly routes. Green corridors will connect different parts of the development, ensuring a well-integrated, visually appealing, and functional landscape.

## Ecology, Landscaping and Drainage